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In re Application of:	)	Group Art Unit:	2664
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Stephan Gehring et al.	)	Examiner:	Chirag G. Shah
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Serial No.:	09/480,837	)	
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Filed:	January 10, 2000	)	
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In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant notes that the deadline for filing a response to the Office Action has been extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of the Office Action until February 28, 2004.



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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month			
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1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
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